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SUBJECT: BETTER-BILT HOMES

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1. IN RESPONSE TO COMMERCIAL ATTACHE'S LETTER CITED IN HELSINKI REFTEL, MR. LEVINE, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING BETTER-BILT HOMES, WROTE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED MARCH 12, 1975, RECEIVED HELSINKI MARCH 18, 1975. QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 7, 1975. I WILL BE IN HELSINKI MARCH 24, 1975. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PUUTALO'S CANADIAN AND AMERICAN COUNSEL. IT MAY THEREFORE NOT BE NECESSARY TO SEE YOU. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT FRUITFUL, I WILL BE CALLING ON YOU, PROBABLY ON MARCH 24. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND TIME. END QUOTE. MR. LEVINE DID NOT CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TURKIA OF PUUTALO SAID THAT THOROUGH AND AMICABLE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH MR. LEVINE IN HELSINKI. PUUTALO BELIEVES THAT NOW-DISSOLVED U.S. FIRM FABRIA MISREPRESENTED PUUTALO'S POSITION. THEY DO NOT FEEL MORALLY BOUND TO PAY JUDGEMENT, BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT DAMAGE TO THEIR COMMERCIAL REPUTATION. PUUTALO MADE A SETTLEMENT OFFER, BUT THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY MR. LEVINE. ACCORDING TO PUUTALO, NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN FLORIDA BETWEEN THEIR ATTORNEY AND MR. LEVINE AFTER THE U.S. PRINCIPAL IS INFORMED OF
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